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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is responsive to the Election of Species requirement mailed March 28, 2006 (Paper No. 032406), the date of response to which is April 28, 2006.

Applicant elects the species shown in Figure 1, with traverse. While the Examiner suggests that Figures 7, 9 and 10 are species different from Figure 1, Figures 7, 9 and 10 are more specific examples of the general bearing surface illustrated in Figure 1. Therefore, Figures 7, 9 and 10 are not different species and, instead, are merely variations of the generic bearing surface illustrated in Figure 1.

Applicant believes that all of claims 1-26 are readable on the Figure 1 embodiment. Moreover, it is submitted that claim 1 is generic to all figures in the present application. Applicant understands that in the event the Examiner is convinced that claim 1 is generic to all

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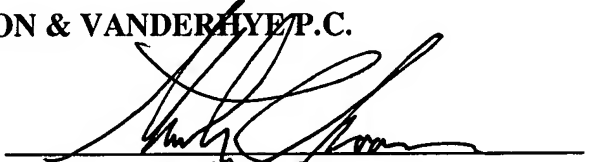
disclosed embodiments in Figures 1, 7, 9 and 10, then the Examiner will consider the specific bearing surface embodiments shown in Figures 7, 9 and 10 and claims directed thereto.

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, Applicant elects with traverse the species identified by the Examiner as Figure 1 and designates claims 1-26 to be readable thereon. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of these claims, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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